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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO BOGOTA MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN
FOREIGN MINISTERS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH

1. AS THE DELEGATIONS GATHER IN BOGOTA FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN MFM BEGINNING TODAY OUR EMBASSY THERE REPORTS A LINGERING DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF SOME DELEGATIONS WHETHER THE USG WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS IT FACES AT HOME AND ABROAD WILL BE ABLE TO DEVOTE MUCH ATTENTION TO LATIN AMERICA. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT TO HELP DISPEL THIS ATTITUDE A SHORT PERSONAL MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM YOU WOULD BE HELPFUL. WHILE THERE IS A SLIGHT RISK OF IT BEING INTERPRETED AS PATRONIZING, ON BALANCE I THINK SUCH A MESSAGE IS A GOOD IDEA.

2. I RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TEXT AND SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE IT SENT DIRECTLY FROM TOKYO TO EMBASSY BOGOTA FOR DELIVERY TO FONMIN VASQUEZ CARRISOZA AS THIS WILL DRAMATIZE THE FACT THAT AMIDST ALL YOUR OTHER PREOCCUPATIONS, YOU STILL HAVE LATIN AMERICA VERY MUCH IN MIND.

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3. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: ALTHOUGH I AM ON THE

OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD FROM BOGOTA, I HAVE VERY MUCH IN MIND THE FACT THAT TODAY FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SPECIAL DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAS ARE GATHERING IN YOUR CAPITAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIALOGUE ON FUTURE HEMISPHERE RELATIONS WHICH WE DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH.

4. THE PROCESS WHICH IS SET IN MOTION BY THIS MEETING, AND IN WHICH I HOPE TO PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY WHENEVER THAT SEEMS APPROPRIATE, REPRESENTS A NEW TYPE OF DIALOGUE WHICH CAN LEAD US TO NEW LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION IN THE HEMISPHERE BASED ON FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION OF ISSUES WHICH AFFECT US ALL.

5. I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY MY WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO OUR COLLEAGUES GATHERED IN BOGOTA. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER END TEXT. RUSH

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